

an initialed copy of the form PTO-1449 be returned to the Applicants. On September 7, 2004, the issue and publication fees were paid in the application. Further, since an initialed copy of the form PTO-1449 included with the IDS of July 1, 2004 still had not been received, a Second Response to Allowance requesting such was also filed on September 7, 2004. Then, a facsimile dated November 16, 2004 including an initialed copy of the form PTO-1449 was received. Based on these facts, the Applicants believe that there are two periods of patent term adjustment reduction that have been omitted.

The first period is a patent term adjustment reduction of 49 days for the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) on July 1, 2004. Regarding this, 37 CFR §1.704(c)(8) states:

Submission of a supplemental reply or other paper, other than a supplemental reply or other paper expressly requested by the examiner, after a reply has been filed, in which case the period of adjustment set forth in § 1.703 shall be reduced by the number of days, if any, beginning on the day after the date the initial reply was filed and ending on the date that the supplemental reply or other such paper was filed.

In consideration of this rule, the Amendment of May 13, 2004 was filed in response to the outstanding Office Action. Then, the IDS was filed on July 1, 2004. It appears that the IDS is classified as an 'other paper' under the rule. Therefore, the period of time between the filing of the Amendment (May 13, 2004) and the filing of the IDS (July 1, 2004) is a patent term adjustment reduction of 49 days.

The second period is a patent term adjustment reduction of 120 days for the filing of the Response to Allowance on July 13, 2004. Regarding this, 37 CFR §1.704(c)(10) states:

Submission of an amendment under §1.312 or other paper after a notice of allowance has been given or mailed, in which case the period of adjustment set forth in § 1.703 shall be reduced by the lesser of:

(i) The number of days, if any, beginning on the date the amendment under § 1.312 or other paper was filed and ending on the mailing date of the Office action or notice in response to the amendment under §1.312 or such other paper; or

(ii) Four months.

In consideration of this rule, the first Response to Allowance was filed on July 13, 2004 requesting an initialed copy of the form PTO-1449 submitted with the IDS of July 1, 2004. Then, the facsimile dated November 16, 2004 was received from Examiner including the initialed copy of the form PTO-1449. It appears that the first Response to Allowance is classified as an 'other paper' under this rule. Therefore, the period of time between the filing of the first Response to Allowance (July 13, 2004) and the date which the form PTO-1449 was faxed (November 16, 2004) is a patent term adjustment reduction of 126 days. However, under subsection (ii) of the rule, the maximum patent term adjustment reduction appears to be 120 days (i.e., four months).

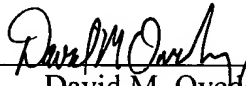
Therefore, the combination of the 49 day reduction in the first period and the 120 day reduction in the second period results in a total patent term adjustment reduction of 169 days.

It appears that all of the relevant papers mentioned above are listed in PAIR except the facsimile of November 16, 2004. As a result, a copy of the facsimile is enclosed herewith. Based on the above discussion, Applicants believe that the PTA for this application should be reduced from 591 days to 422 days (i.e., a reduction of 169 days).

A check for the statutory fee of \$200.00 is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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<i>pm</i>	AA	6,519,214	2/2003	Hikima			
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